

# BIG SANDY NEWS.

*Aut inveniam viam, aut faciam.*

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## CURRENT TOPICS.

The physicians of Paris have formed a trust.

The pigs-in-clover puzzle has captured the world.

The rush to Paris is not as great as anticipated.

Beer is now sold in New York City by the pound.

Queen Victoria has just passed her sixtieth birthday.

The International Salt Trust has been substantially completed.

A Georgia man has a red bat which he captured a few days ago.

ALBANY, Ga., rejoices in the possession of a three-legged alligator.

There are 106 applicants for one Consular place in South America.

COLONEL INGERSOLL's law practice is said to bring him \$10,000 a year.

More than 22,000 acres of American soil belongs to non-resident aliens.

Stockholders of the Suez Canal will receive this year a dividend of 33 per cent.

Home rule for India promises to give England as much trouble as home rule for Ireland.

ENORMOUS icebergs have been reported to be floating around in the North Atlantic this spring.

CHARLES WEEVER, a Cincinnati plumber, is the father of five pairs of twins. All are alive and healthy.

JOHN G. WHITFIRE, the poet, says that he expects to live to be a hundred, though he is not anxious to.

Two friends met on the streets of Waterbury, Conn., a few days ago for the first time in seventy years.

A SHAG of pink scarf very much affected by Harvard has been commercially known as "raw wool."

The Chinese Government refuses to agree to the treaty restricting Chinese immigration to Australia.

JAMES GORDON BENNETT paid a Paris doctor \$5,000 for three minutes' work in cutting a wart off his nose.

Mrs. JAMES HUTCH of Franklin, Pa., discovered a minnow two inches long in a plate of restaurant ice-cream.

THE EDITOR of a Fort Ordin (Calif.) paper asserts that a bamboo shoot near him will grow five inches in one night.

ESCAPE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY colors are obtained from coal tar, which has almost entirely supplanted vegetable and animal dyes.

At the Troy polytechnic the students have a craze. They paper their ceilings with envelopes of letters from their best girls.

THE KANSAS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY is negotiating for the purchase of the rills which John Brown used at Harper's Ferry.

A LAW of the New York State Legislature, forbidding the heating of railway cars by stoves, has been declared unconstitutional.

IN ROTSTON, Holland, there is a giant rose tree belonging to Mme. John Rennich, which a few years ago held 6,000 roses at the same time.

PARIS clothing is being made by a Minnesota inventor. It is as soft as cloth and it is claimed that the cold can not penetrate it.

AMERICANS are expected to spend this year, for one purpose or another, aside from purely business, the sum of \$100,000,000 in Europe.

A DYNAMITE cartridge one foot in length takes only 1,240,000s of a second to explode, scientists say. We are willing to take their word for it.

THE COUNTESS CROSBY, of the old nobility of Austria, has gone on the road with her circus troupe. She will take it to Paris before the Exposition closes.

A SWARM of bees attacked by a comb in the window, took possession of a grocery store in Plainfield, N. J., and put an end to business for the day.

WHITE-LAW REID, minister to Paris, has rented the house of Contesse de Grammont, in that city, at an annual rent of \$23,000. His salary as Minister is \$17,500.

GEORGE A. WESTERKILL, a Chicago young man, fell in love with Lydia Thompson, the burlesque actress, and growing despondent after she left the city, killed himself.

LEVI CLOWDIA, of Livingston, Mo., used to boast that he had not read a newspaper for fifty years. The other day two strangers played the bongo game on him for \$1,500.

THE NAVY DEPARTMENT has decided to send the remains of Captain John Erickson to Sweden, his native land, for burial. They will be taken on the new cruiser Chicago.

BETWEEN fifteen and sixteen thousand children are lost in London every year, almost all of whom are found and restored to their parents by the aid of the Metropolitan police.

WM. H. CAMPBELL, an old fashioned Democrat, who has been postmaster in a Vermont town for four years, has just married and his wife, a "staunch Republican," has been given the commission.

ON TEN English business men seven die under the age of 47. Of ten French business men eight die under that age. In the United States the ratio is less than six. How about that old saw we are living too fast?

JOHN D. DAVIS, a farmer, residing at New Diggins, Ill., put his milk cans on the wood-pile to dry, and the reflection of the sun's rays from them set the wood on fire, doing considerable damage to his house and barn.

TEN leading coal firms of Pittsburgh engaged in shipping coal South have combined, it is said, to buy out all the small operators and secure a monopoly, by which they can dictate prices to consumers from Wheeling to New Orleans.

IN A theater at Ashton, England, during the performance of a melodrama, an ex-circus woman threw her basket and umbrella at the "villain" on the stage when he was strangling one of the characters. She "brought down the house."

THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT has engaged two German lawyers in Berlin to proceed to Tokio and reframe the Japanese penal code to conform to the German instead of the French code, as now.

THE MORMON CHURCH has bought a large amount of land in Manitoba, and many of the saints, with their flocks, their herds, their wives, children, man servants and maid servants, are leaving Utah and Idaho and going to the new promised land.

IT is proposed to erect a monument to the late E. P. Ross by placing a natural boulder at some suitable spot near his home at Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y., and the Christian Union invites subscriptions. A few hundred dollars will cover the cost.

## APPALING!

### The Greatest Disaster America Has Ever Known.

### A Waterspout Bursts a Reservoir.

### Johnstown, Pa., Overwhelmed and Almost Entirely Swept Away.

**Great Body of Water Three and a Half Miles Long and a Quarter Wide, in Some Places a Hundred Feet Deep Plunges Down from a Height of Three Hundred Feet—Fifteen Thousand Lives Lost and Immense Destruction of Property.**

**PITTSBURGH, PA., June 1.—**The flood at Johnstown has resulted in an awful catastrophe. The reservoir above the town broke about five o'clock, last evening, and the immense volume of water rushed down to the city, carrying with it death and destruction. Houses, with their occupants, were swept away, and scores probably a hundred or more were drowned. There is no communication with Johnstown, but a telegraph operator in the Pennsylvania railroad town of Sang Hollow, twelve miles this side of Johnstown, says at least seventy-five dead bodies have floated past. The wires are all down and no trains are running east of Blairsville, which is about twenty-five miles west of Johnstown.

Latest reliable information received from Johnstown comes through Pennsylvania railroad officials, who aver that over two hundred dead bodies have been counted floating down stream at Johnstown, while along the line many additional lives have been lost. It is asserted that there are but two hours in Johnstown proper entirely lost in the water-line. A special train, bearing Pennsylvania railroad officials and a large number of newspaper men, has left this city for the scene. Telegraphic communication is entirely cut off, and until telegraph repairmen and operators, with necessary instruments, open up at the nearest point, but little reliable information can be obtained.

A special from Greensburg says: "A report has just reached here that the greater portion of Johnstown has been flooded and thousands of lives lost. Houses are floating about, and the people who are free are panic-stricken, and are fleeing to the mountains. At a point in New Florence eighty-five persons have been seen floating down the river on drift-wood.

One report comes that but two roofs of houses in Johnstown can be seen. The Cottontown and New Florence bridges have been washed away, and all the buildings along the Conemaugh between New Florence and Johnstown have been carried away. The railroad towers have been abandoned by the operators."

W. N. HAYES, Supervisor of the section of the Pennsylvania railroad covered by the flood, telegraphed at 10 o'clock last night to Superintendent Pitearn as follows: "The destruction is terrible. The dump at Johnstown is gone between the bridge and tower. West of Johnstown some points the tracks are only partially carried away and partially gone. The river is one-half to one-quarter of a mile above the bridge, forty feet high, and is on fire, burning furiously, and is entirely beyond our control. I can not estimate the amount of damage. I walked over from Johnstown to Sanghollow, four miles. Johnstown is literally wiped out." Superintendent Pitearn, who is at New Florence, sixty-five miles east of Pittsburgh, telegraphs that over one hundred men, women and children passed Sanghollow, clinging to debris. Seven were rescued at Sanghollow, two at Conemaugh, four at New Florence, and a loss of life and property that at 2 p.m. he saw three men and a woman struggling for their lives in the stream, in the afternoon the great rush came. In fifteen minutes the water rose fully ten feet. Houses came floating down the streets. There were people in every one of them, and God only knows how many were lost. As they were carried off the houses were jammed together and against the houses still standing, and in a very few minutes they were all battered to pieces before they were carried very far. The house I was in was soon smashed to pieces, and I managed to jump onto a cellar door. In a few seconds I was lost. Up to the clock in the afternoon the water, which was seven feet deep in the streets, remained stationary. About 4 in the afternoon the great rush came. In fifteen minutes the water rose fully ten feet. Houses came floating down the streets. 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### COURT DIRECTORY.

CIRCUIT COURT.—Judge, J. M. Burr begins 2nd Mondays in February and August every 4 weeks.

CRIMINAL COURT.—Judge, J. M. Rice begins 4th Mondays in June and December, 1st of four weeks.

COUNTY COURT.—Judge S. H. Burt 1st Monday in each month, excepting the 1st of the month.

QUARTERLY COURT.—Tuesday after 1st Monday in March, June, September and December.

COMMISSIONER'S COURT.—1st Monday in March, June, September and December.

### TOWN DIRECTORY.

POLICE COURT.—Regular session, 1st Monday in each month.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—Tuesday after 1st Monday in each month.

MASONIC DIRECTORY.

Apperson Lodge, No. 125, F. & A. M.—Stated meeting, 1st Monday in each month.

Louisa Chapter, No. 95, R. A. M.—Stated meetings, Friday, on or immediately preceding full moon in each month. J. H. Northup, H. P.; A. J. Conley, Sec.

KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE.

Mystic Castle No. 6—Stated meetings every Tuesday night. J. F. Ratcliff, N. C. L. B. Ferguson, M. of R.

I. O. O. F.

Loggia Lodge, No. 270—Stated meetings every Friday night. Wm. Blankenship, N. C. L. H. Sudeth, Sec.

GOOD TEMPLARS.

Stated meetings, every Saturday night.

W. D. Roffe, C. T.; Mrs. Eva Stewart, V. T.; Miss Georgia Johnson, Secretary.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1889.

Subscribe for the NEWS.

Mr. B. F. Thomas was here this week.

J. W. Rice was in Catlettsburg Monday.

Stoneware of all kinds at S. & S., post-office.

Mr. Jas. Stump, of Rockville, was here Tuesday.

Read in another column our offer to subscribers.

Judge H. W. Ferguson was in Ashland Tuesday.

Miss Maggie Yates is visiting in Cabell Co., W. Va.

There will be a mite at Mrs. Judge Rice's Friday night.

Rev. Simpson was visiting in Boyd county a few days ago.

Stoneware of all kinds just received by Sullivan & Shouse.

A social hop will be given at the Chattanooga Hotel Friday night.

A new serial begins on our fourth page this week. Don't fail to read it.

Dr. J. F. Hatten and Jas. Turner, of Rockville, were here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Lackey have moved into the Layne property on Main street.

All persons indebted to J. A. Hughes are hereby notified to come in and settle at once.

Con Brady was thrown from a log-cart while in town driving yesterday and severely hurt.

Rev. Simpson and Rev. Thompson, of Boyd county, exchanged appointments for last Sunday.

Misses Martha Roberts and Ruby Holt and Mr. G. B. Carter arrived home Tuesday from school at Lexington.

Commissioner's Court was in session last Monday and Tuesday. It was Mr. Spark's last session as his term expires in August.

Some of our citizens who were down the river Tuesday have pieces of the Johnstown wreck, gathered from the Ohio river.

Mr. Fred McHenry left yesterday with a crew of eight men for Licking river, to begin the work of dredging that stream.

Andrew Triplett was yesterday adjudged insane by the Police Court, and Marshal Sammons was appointed to take him to the asylum.

The News' subscription list has been growing rapidly of late. Those in arrears should take advantage of our offer of tickets on the machine and watch.

Wanted.

A large amount of HICKORY for axe handles. For quality and prices apply to.

THE SNYDER & THOMAS MFG CO.

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After having been off of duty for several weeks on account of sickness, Mr. E. T. Fisher on Monday resumed his duties as R. R. Agent at this place.

A timberman named Tabor was killed while engaged in drifting logs in Twelve Pole a few days ago. His head was crushed and one leg was torn from his body.

Mrs. Mathers returned yesterday to her home at Cincinnati after visiting relatives here. She was accompanied by Misses Nannie and Charlotte Freese and John Burns.

Mrs. Rose H. Winstead, a prominent temperance lecturer, will lecture here on next Monday and Tuesday evenings. Don't fail to hear her. She is one of the best lecturers now traveling.

Messrs. W. B. Cox and C. W. Peters, who are engaged in gathering the history of our churches and Sunday-schools, to be made a part of a religious history for Lawrence county, gave us a call this week.

The Town Trustees have ordered the property owners along the entire south side of Madison street to lay brick pavements in front of their property. They also ordered the county to place a brick pavement around the public square. They will soon put down a number of street crossings.

Albert Copley, a pretty good Republican, was chosen road commissioner by the Commissioners Tuesday. There is much work to be done throughout the county and Mr. Copley has an opportunity to distinguish himself. There is also much work in the county for the Bridge Commissioner.

Go to Sullivan & Shouse for Books, Stationery, Cartridges, &c. They also keep a nice line of Jewelry, Watches, Clocks and Spectacles, which they can supply to you at modern prices. Also, Watch, clock, and job-work repairing at reasonable prices. Work guaranteed. P. O. building, Louisa, Ky.

NOTICE.—The new Southern Methodist church at the mouth of Garrett's creek, four miles North of Wayne C. H., W. Va., will be dedicated June 30th, 1889. Rev. H. M. Smith and other eminent ministers will be present.

"Buckskin Jim," a long-haired loafer, advertised a thrilling exhibition here Friday night. It was not only thrilling, it was shocking.

The amount of "cheek" displayed was his most amusing "exhibition." He announced a show for Saturday night, but it has never been ascertained whether or not he performed. Even the complimentaries deny knowledge of it.

The general heavy rains gave the Sandy Valley its share and the river and all its tributaries were at high stages. Timber was brought out of creeks in which there had been no rise within the two years previous. A large per cent of the logs, crosses and slaves in Blaine were brought out; about eight barges loads of staves belonging to Col. Northup being included in the run. Those timbering in the upper part of the valley were also fortunate enough to get to market with a large share, Loar Bros., of this place, being among the number.

Mr. S. S. Vinson also got out his large amount of timber which has been in the Twelve Pole Valley for two years.

Commendable.

All claims not consistent with the high character of Syrup of Figs are purposely avoided by the California Fig Syrup Company. It acts gently on the kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the system effectually, but it is not a cure-all, and makes no pretensions that every bottle will not substantiate.

WANTED.—A man in every county of Kentucky and West Virginia, who can furnish good reference, to manage the gathering of a church and Sunday-school history, to be made a part of a religious history. For terms call on or address W. B. Cox or C. W. Peters, Louisa, Ky.

Consumptor Surely Cured.

To the EDITOR:—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy, *free*, to any of your readers who have consumption if they will send me their express and post office address. Respectfully, T. A. SLOCUM, M.C. 181 Pearl, New York.

Job printing at the NEWS office.

A DUTY TO OURSELF.—It is surprising that people will use common ordinary pills when they can use a much more potent one for the same money. Dr. A. C. A. is a well-known physician for the heart and all liver troubles. They are usually taken and do no gripe. W. T. Evans, Druggist.

A free entertainment will be given by the Louisa Lodge of Good Templars, at the M. E. Church South, on the evening of June 11th. Following is a program.

Music by Louisa Choir.

Invocation by Rev. S. E. Simpson.

Music by Choir.

Short Address by the great Temperance Lecturer, Mrs. Rose H. Winstead.

Address by Judge J. E. Stewart.

Music by choir.

Other short addresses by noted speakers.

Recitation by Mrs. Rose H. Winstead.

Entertainment will open at 8 p.m. No charge for admission. All are invited to attend.

EVAS. STEWART, JOHN BURNS, W. W. MARCUS, COM.

A CHILD KILLED.

Another child killed by the use of opiates given in the form of soothing syrup. Why mothers give their children such deadly poison is surprising when they can relieve the child of its peculiar troubles by using Acker's Baby Soother. It contains no opium. Sold by W. T. Evans.

Died, yesterday evening, at the home of her son-in-law Mr. Davis Wellman, near this place, Mrs. O. D. Botner, aged about seventy years.

WE CAN AND DO.

Guarantees Acker's Blood Elixir for it has been fully demonstrated to the people of this country that it is superior to all other preparations for blood diseases. It is a positive cure for syphilis, Ulcers, Eruptions and pimples. It purifies the whole system, and thoroughly builds up the constitution. W. T. Evans, Druggist.

Great men are certainly dying off. Ordinarily when the year for the election of Legislators approaches "the woods is full" of candidates. Lawrence county is entitled (it is conceded by Boyd county) to the Democratic nomination this year and it is high time we were preparing a Democrat with whom to slaughter the offering of the g. o. p. Now let us choose for our candidate one who is capable of properly representing us, and at the same time choose one whose private character is above reproach, thereby giving the mud-slingers a dry hunt.

Who shall it be? Is not M. F. Swetnam a man who will precisely fill this description. He is an honorable, upright, intelligent gentleman of good repute in his own neighborhood, and is not a self-chosen candidate. He has not talked of becoming a candidate, but "everybody says" he is the man we want to vote for. Let us hear from the other preachers.

Louisa, Ky., June 6th, '89.

HAPPINESS AND CONTENTMENT.

Cannot so hard to find if we look on the side of every little obstacle, nothing will so dash the spirit of a man. It is written in Dyspepsia, Acker's Dyspepsia tablets will cure the worst form of Dyspepsia, Constipation and indigestion and make life a happiness and pleasure. Sold at 25 and 50 cents by W. T. Evans.

"Buckskin Jim," a long-haired loafer, advertised a thrilling exhibition here Friday night. It was not only thrilling, it was shocking.

The amount of "cheek" displayed was his most amusing "exhibition." He announced a show for Saturday night, but it has never been ascertained whether or not he performed. Even the complimentaries deny knowledge of it.

The general heavy rains gave the Sandy Valley its share and the river and all its tributaries were at high stages. Timber was brought out of creeks in which there had been no rise within the two years previous. A large per cent of the logs, crosses and slaves in Blaine were brought out; about eight barges loads of staves belonging to Col. Northup being included in the run. Those timbering in the upper part of the valley were also fortunate enough to get to market with a large share, Loar Bros., of this place, being among the number.

Mr. Griffith, a blind man, passed through here recently enroute for Blaine A. C. Cooksey of Cat's fork, was here Saturday.

Henry Blankenship is sick at this writing.

A school election was held here June 1st, and John Kelley and C. H. Blankenship were elected Trustees.

John Young and John Kelley passed here last week on their way to Louisa.

C. C. Miller, of Irish creek, was here Saturday.

D. T. Jobe, of Caney fork, was here recently.

Mr. Griffith, a blind man, passed through here recently enroute to W. Va. S. D. Jobe went to Spankum branch Sunday.

Wheeler and wife preached to a large crowd here Sunday.

Lee Dean, of Iral, was here Sunday.

Mr. Jake Crabtree was fined eleven dollars in Squire Jobe's court for breach of peace.

DEERFIELD.

The recent rise in the creek did a great deal of good to timbering men.

Corn and weeds are growing fast.

The Farmer's Alliance and Japanese clover are taking the country.

Marion Stumbo, of Webberville, passed through here Saturday enroute for Blaine A. C. Cooksey of Cat's fork, was here Saturday.

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